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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE: NIE-32: EFFECTS OF OPERATIONS IN
KOREA ON THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME

THE PROBLEM

To estimate the effects of the Korean operations upon the political, economic, and military position of the Chinese Communist regime.

INFORMATION DESIRED

NOTE: It is recognized that little intelligence is available on the present internal situation in Communist China and even less on Sino-Soviet relations. In view of the obvious importance of the subject matter of this estimate, however, it is requested that all available evidence be submitted relating to the following broad questions:

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I. WHAT EVIDENCE IS THERE THAT THE KOREAN WAR HAS

- A. Created basic disagreements or cleavages among the higher political and military echelons of the Chinese Communist regime?
- B. Lessened or increased the degree of popular support for the regime?
- C. Affected the regime's ability to cope with hostile internal forces?
- D. Weakened, strengthened, or otherwise affected Sino-Soviet relations?

II. WHAT EVIDENCE IS THERE THAT THE KOREAN WAR HAS

- A. Affected the internal economy of China in terms of such factors as industrial (including munitions) and agricultural output, inflation, rehabilitation and development programs, foreign trade (including trade in strategic materials and pharmaceuticals) and internal transportation.
- B. Elicited economic aid from the Soviet Union?

III. WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE REGARDING

- A. The quantitative and qualitative Chinese losses in military manpower and materiel in the Korean war?

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- B. The portion of trained military manpower presently committed to specific security tasks within China?
- C. The number of uncommitted reserves now available within China? The quality and extent of training of these troops?
- D. The nature of military training now taking place in China?
- E. Defections from Chinese Communist military forces?
- F. The extent of mobilization for either offensive or defensive purposes?
- G. The extent of Soviet military assistance to the Chinese Communist?

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